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SUBJECT: ISRAELI SCIENTISTS URGE US ACTION IN
SUPPORT OF SOVIET REFUSENIKS

1. A DEPUTATION OF ISRAELI SCIENTISTS, REPRESENTING THE
SCIENTISTS COMMITTEE FOR THE ISRAEL PUBLIC COUNCIL FOR
SOVIET JEWRY, PAID A CALL ON DCM JULY 11. (FYI: GROUP
WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR, BUT
UNEXPECTED SESSION WITH FONMIN DAYAN FORCED CANCELLA-
TION HIS PARTICIPATION). SPOKESMAN WAS PROF. YUVAL
NE'EMAN, FORMER PRESIDENT OF TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY.

2. NE'EMAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR WHAT USG HAS DONE
IN FURTHERING CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND SPECIFICALLY
CITED CARTER ADMINISTRATION STATEMENTS ON SCHARANSKY
CASE. THE DELEGATION, ON BEHALF OF THE SCIENTISTS COMMITTEE,
REQUESTED STATE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATION OF TWO SPECIFIC
MEANS OF PRESSURING SOVIET COMPLIANCE WITH HELSINKI
ACCORD. IN ITS VIEW, THE SOVIETS ARE
PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO THREATS TO REDUCE LEVEL AND
QUALITY OF SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE. WHILE A COMPLETE
BAN ON SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE IS NEITHER FEASIBLE NOR DE-
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SIRABLE, CURETAILMENT OF EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES ALONG THE
FOLLOWING LINES MIGHT BE EFFECTIVE. EACH MEMBER OF
THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES WOULD BE ENCOURAGED
TO "ADOPT" INDIVIDUAL REFUSENIK AND WOULD REFRAIN FROM
PARTICIPATION IN JOINT SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY UNTIL
"ADOPTED" REFUSENIK IS PERMITTED TO LEAVE SOVIET
UNION. SECOND, SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS IN THE WEST SHOULD

REFUSE TO SPONSOR OR SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO CONFERENCES
IN THE SOVIET UNION AND USG-EMPLOYED SCIENTISTS
SHOULD NOT BE COMPELLED TO ACCEPT RUSSIAN EXCHANGE
SCIENTISTS IN THEIR LABORATORIES.

4. HERewith TEXT OF SCIENTISTS COMMITTEE'S APPEAL:

BEGIN QUOTE:

WE, THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, URGENTLY REQUEST THAT YOUR
GOVERNMENT INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF ANATOLY SCHARANSKY, WHO
IS STANDING TRIAL ON MONSTROUS CHARGES OF TREASON THIS
WEEK, IN MOSCOW. ANATOLY SCHARANSKY HAS BECOME AN INTER-
NATIONAL SYMBOL IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE RIGHT TO EMIGRATE
TO ISRAEL, AND FOR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS.

IN THE USSR TODAY, THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF POTENTIAL
VICTIMS IN THE GRIM AND HARSH CAMPAIGN AGAINST THOSE
JEWS WHO ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE
TO ISRAEL. ANATOLY SCHARANSKY, ARRESTED IN MOSCOW ON
MARCH 15, 1977, AND HELD IN DETENTION SINCE THEN,
IS SUCH A VICTIM IN THE RECENT SERIES OF SOVIET SHOW-
TRIALS AND INHUMAN POLICE ACTION.

STRONG PROTEST IS BEING VOICED THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD BY ALL THOSE WHO VALUE THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF FREE-
DOM.

THE CONDUCT OF THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING
THAT OF THEIR JUDICIAL INSTITUTIONS, INFRINGES BLATANTLY
UPON THE PRINCIPLES OF DUE PROCESS. IT IS ALSO IN
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FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF BINDING RULES OF INTERNATIONAL
LAW, COMMON TO ALL CIVILIZED NATIONS, CONCERNING
THE PROTECTION OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS. THIS UNLAWFUL CON-
DUCT IS AN AFFRONT TO INTERNATIONAL LAW, MORALITY AND
DECENCY.

AS A SIGNATORY TO ALL RELEVANT AGREEMENTS, AS THE
LEADING COUNTRY IN THE FREE WORLD, AS A NATION WHOSE
RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS HAS IN THE LAST TWO DECADES
GAINED THE HIGHEST WORLD RECOGNITION, AND AS A PEOPLE
WHO HAVE EVOLVED A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL AND
THE JEWISH PEOPLE, IT IS INCUMBENT UPON THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA TO ACT IN THIS MATTER OF INJUSTICE AND OPPRES-
SION. END QUOTE.

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